



# Geneva Lake Women's Association

Raising Funds

Raising Hopes

Raising Spirits

## Jan 2014 GLWA Newsletter

Next meeting: January 6, 2013

**Sandy Bootz's home**

**Social 5:30, Meeting 6:00 pm**

*Culinary Hostesses: Angie Mack and Jessie Border*

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Breathe, sigh, relax for a moment as the holiday madness fades away. Cheers and tears as we look back over the past year. Here's looking to a bright 2014, but how did 2013 zip by so quickly? Like so many of you, I look back on the past year and reflect on all that has happened. As President of the Geneva Lake Women's Association, it has been my absolute pleasure to see us have a stellar 2013. GLWA partnered with the YMCA for the first time ever at the Y Auction an easy \$4900. The Children's Art Show relocated to the Geneva Lake Museum. We were able to accommodate a large audience and many of us were introduced to the museum for the first time. Safety town graduated 65 students and through some generous Jaycee donations, we will be getting new pedal cars and a whole new town for 2014. Carvettis was the host of our first membership drive/ thank you pig roast. Unfortunately, the day after the passing of our beloved Diane Purcell, but honestly, knowing Diane, she would have appreciated the fact that we all could celebrate her and ourselves at the same time. The Venetian Fest craft fair was a yummy success as we sampled cookies from our latest cookbook. GLWA sold over \$2000 from a beautifully set booth filled with smiling faces. Coco would have been very impressed with the classy and fabulous Ladies Day Luncheon. Wow, this years' event, including raffles, silent auction and the luncheon raised over \$15,000. The final event to our year of Raising funds, Raising hopes and Raising spirits was the Lake Geneva Christmas parade, where the community really got to see our sparkle.

My sincerest thank you to Grace, Gisela and Bonnie who coordinated our Holiday party and silent auction. What a wonderful time! I received so many nice comments from members and guests about what a fun and heartwarming evening it was. I always say that GLWA gals are the most awesome and cool group of women and it shows. While we did enjoy ourselves, we also managed to accomplish some fairly amazing business. The remaining DOC funds, about \$5700, will be donated to Open Arms Free Clinic bringing our total donation to over \$15,000! We officially welcomed Andrea, Jessie, Judy and Mary into GLWA. We have plans for all that energy and enthusiasm of yours ladies.

The parade committee, abundant with creativity and energy, decorated a beautiful float. Our Holiday Helping Hands committee successfully shopped, wrapped and delivered our Christmas gifts and all the goodies that our members provided. Thank you for making a huge difference in those families lives at holiday time. GLWA continues to make a difference each and every day. As one GLWA gal recently pointed out, while we are a women's organization, it is our family and friends who help us be the shining stars among our community.

What's next you ask? January will need Nominating committee members, Safety Town will be looking for volunteers, the Y Auction will start needing volunteers and the children's art show planning begins. Also, we are preparing our annual disbursements of philanthropic funds. Should you have a cause near and dear to your heart, please encourage that organization to send us a request. The goal

this year is to help as many organizations as we can with our funds. There are many in this area that need our support and we are not always aware of them.

Wishing you a Happy, Safe and Blessed New Year filled with Peace and Love.

Cathy

## *Reports from Committee and Project Chairs*

### *GLWA'S First Ever Float – Francine Jacobs*

Our participation in Lake Geneva's Electric Light Parade was truly a family adventure. Without the sons, sons-in-law, daughters, friends and husbands who helped us, our float would not have happened, and we cannot express to them enough how much we truly appreciate what they did for GLWA to make our dream come true. Every single Committee member contributed in one way or another - and we pulled it off in just 3 short weeks. Some of us have been members for a while, and for some, this was their first GLWA experience. Many friendships were made and smiles were everywhere as we created our float and rode in the Parade. And - we already have a number of volunteers for 2014 - including family members! For those who missed the Parade, photos are at the end of the Newsletter.

### *Safety Town – Julie Stern*

This is the only major service project that GLWA has now. Please plan to get involved in this super fun event! We need lots of hands to make this week of safety for 5 yr. olds run smoothly. Bring your calendar for sign-ups at our next meeting.

### *Children's Art Show*

Here is a brief summary of what this event entails - let Grace know if you need more detail before signing up to help. Grace has a list of all the teachers with their contact information as well as for the woman she worked with at the Lake Geneva Museum. For the art show, we contact the elementary and middle schools in the lakes area and ask the teachers to provide us with about 14 pieces of artwork (both flat and 3-D) to display for the public for two weeks in late April/early May. GLWA members pick up the artwork and set up the display. On a Saturday in May we invite all the students and their families to the museum for a 30 minute

program (we divide the schools into three groups). During the program we have someone come and talk to the kids about art for about 10 minutes, then take a group picture for the paper, have the students take their artwork home, then on to the next session. When the show is over, we gather all the unclaimed artwork and return it to the school. We also clean up the meeting room. We start the sessions at 9:30 am and are cleaned up and home by 1 pm.

#### Requirements to chair this event:

- Access to a computer and printer and the ability to create letters, programs and name tags (Grace has all the templates)
- Car for picking up and dropping off artwork - the membership will help with this
- Love of children and their artwork (most important!)

#### January/February

- Contact Lake Geneva Museum to secure a time in May for the exhibit to be hung and a Saturday morning for the program (3 sessions, 30 minutes each)
- Contact area schools to be sure all the art teacher contact information is correct
- By email, send letters and forms to participating teachers (this needs to go out in January so the children can create their artwork during the next few months)
- Find someone to give a brief presentation at the May program (usually one of the art teachers or if you know an artist, that would be great - about a 10 minute child-friendly talk)

#### April

- Sign-up sheet circulated at the GLWA meeting for volunteers to pick up artwork and deliver to the museum
- Sign-up sheet for volunteers to help set up the exhibit two weeks ahead of the program
- Sign-up sheet for volunteers to help the morning of the program (Grace has all these templates)

#### Two weeks before the Saturday May program

- Set up the display (this usually takes 2-3 hours)

### Day of Program

- Have fun!
- Most teachers will be there to pick up the leftover artwork but, if not, find someone to help return the artwork to the schools

### *Food Pantries – Trish Schmelzer*

I want to thank you for your donations to the pantries this past year. Your thoughtfulness is so appreciated. The "girlie bags" are always a big hit. As I have mentioned before, I have wanted to also have something special for the little boys who come to the pantry. Cheri Neiman went to Target and found items in their \$section. She brought me playdough, slinkies, nerf planes, puzzles, and coloring books. I put them in a basket and let the boys pick an item or two. When you are in Target please check it out. Happy New Year.

### *Adopt A Family – Kathy Seeberg*

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Holiday Adopt A Family Program. The goodies donated from the group for the food baskets and stocking stuffers were wonderful. A very special and HUGE thank you to the members that helped me shop - Missy Sell, Missy's son, Julie Goril, & Kathy Papcke. Another HUGE thank you to the members that helped me wrap - Jessie Border, Andrea Christian, Cathy Stoodley, Kathy Papcke, & Julie Goril. Also, Kathy Papcke for picking up the last bits at the store and helping me deliver the gifts/food.

### *Lakeland Animal Shelter – Missy Putnam*

Lakeland Animal Shelter is in need of cat and kitten food, both canned and dry.

*“Help Wanted” for our Nominating Committee* We are looking for volunteers to contact members to see if anyone would like a position on our board or possibly to chair one of our committees. Work on this will begin in January. Please let a board member know if you can help us out this way.

### *Member Requests*

Missy Putnam is requesting that GLWA become an event sponsor in the amount of \$100.00 for the VIP Services Bowl-A-Thon for their annual fund drive on Saturday, March 15 at the Delavan Lanes.

### *Meeting locations*

February 3 - Creative Expressions	May 5 - tbd
March 3 - to be determined	June 2 - tbd
April 7 - to be determined	July 7 - tbd

### *January Birthdays*

January 3	Janis Hartley
January 10	Nancy Anderson
January 18	Sandy Bootz
January 20	Ellie Curtiss
January 21	Bonnie Hawkins
January 23	Marcia Counihan
January 24	Pat Pankus
January 27	Kelly Frazier

### *Prayers and Proud Moments*

Nancy's Father in law, Dick Douglass, is in surgery in Indianapolis having both knees replaced. Please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery that has him back on his Senior travelling softball team next summer! (That's what he's worried about the most - LOL)

New member Jessie Border has a little joy to put in the newsletter!

"I'm a step mom of two wonderful boys, 7 and 4. They both were writing letters to Santa the other night with Justin (my husband) helping my 4 year old (Nathan) by showing him the letters to use. After writing the letter "A" in "Dear" he gave his Daddy a high five and just yelled out "I Did It!" It was such a proud moment for me I had to cry".



Geneva Lake Women's Association  
General Membership Minutes  
Dec 9, 2013  
Café Calamari

**I. Welcome and Call to order:** Cathy Stoodley called the meeting to order at 7:45.

**II. Introduction of Guests:**

- a. Guests
  - i. Judy Powell Miller, previous member of GLWA
  - ii. Toni Martin
  - iii. Andrea Christian
  - iv. Jessie Border
  - v. Harriet Muskat
  - vi. Missy Sell
  - vii. Mary Lew Thompson
  - viii. Mary Scott

**III. Installation of New Members**

- a. Andrea Christian, Mary Scott, Judy Powell Miller and Jessie Border were all installed tonight.

**IV. Approval of the November General Membership Minutes**

- a. Angie Mack made the motion to approve, and Pat Pankus seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**V. Officer's Reports**

- a. **Treasurer:** The report was distributed and some discussion followed, with a motion to approve the treasurer's report by Gisela Witt and seconded by Ellie Curtiss. All were in favor and the motion carried. (Report attached)
- b. **Secretary:** A current membership roster is being circulated. Please review your information and make any needed changes. Once we have the corrections we will be printing the new roster as part of the updated GLWA handbook. There was a suggestion to begin listing all the members present at meetings in the newsletter, and those who voted by proxy. This practice will begin with the January meeting.
- c. **Internal Director:** New members, be sure we have your information for the roster. VIP thanked us in the newest edition of their newsletter with 3 pictures of the dance we sponsored.
- d. **Parliamentarian:** Nancy had nothing to report!
- e. **VP:** Kathy had nothing to report.
- f. **President:**
  - i. Big thank you to those on the float committee! It was beautiful and a real group effort with little time; you gals really pulled this off in style. Afterwards, we received some nice thank you notes from members of the community.
  - ii. Another big thank you to Kathy Seeberg who stepped up to fill the Chair role for our Adopt a Family service project. And thanks to all those who stepped forward to help with shopping, wrapping, donating, and delivering.

## **VI. Financial Requests**

- a. None this evening.

## **VII. Standing Committee Reports**

- a. **Food pantries:** need feminine hygiene products.
- b. **DOC:** Last year we donated \$10,000 to Open Arms Free Clinic. Over 70% of the people using their services have diabetes. We have some money left in the DOC account and we would like to donate it to those who need it as well as closing that account by the end of the year. Ellie Curtiss made a motion to give the money remaining in this account to Open Arms. We became aware of a woman who needs continuing help to buy her diabetes test strips, and she can be helped through our philanthropic funds via an “angel account”. Kathy Seeberg seconded the motion. Following some discussion, this motion was voted on, with all in favor and the motion carried.

## **VIII. Old Business**

- a. **Cookbooks:** Bonnie Hawkins is with us tonight, and has cookbooks in her car for anyone wanting them for holiday gifts! And at the bargain price of just \$15! Edna has some ideas regarding marketing the cookbooks but we need someone who can physically run around town with them Angie Mack volunteered to follow-up monthly, and Jessie and Judy also offered their help. We have been getting mail order requests from the website for the cookbooks!
- b. **The Christmas Parade** was lots of fun! Look on our Facebook page to see photos.
- c. **Adopt-a-Family:** There is a list going around to sign up to help. Shoppers will meet tomorrow at 4:30 at Kohl's. We only have 4 people signed up but could sure use more help. On Wednesday we need wrappers to come to Kathy Seeberg's office at the Walworth County Visitor's Bureau at 4:30. We need to deliver items on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> this year. Kathy has the wrapping paper and other items. If you are donating food, please have it to the WCVB by Sunday before 4:30. Thanks to all who brought in stocking stuffers tonight.

## **IX. New Business**

- a. **Nominating committee:** We still need people to serve on the nominating committee for the slate of officers for the coming year. All you have to do is divide up the list of members and call them to see if they might be interested in being on the board of directors for the coming year. Let a board member know if you are interested in this.
- b. **YMCA Spring Fundraiser:** Set for Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet at the Y on Wednesday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at noon to stuff envelopes with invitations. It should take less than 2 hours. We are officially the “Procurement Team” as they have a huge donor base, all we have to do is make follow-up phone calls and help pick up the items. We also need to write a description for all the items in the beginning of February.
- c. **Children's Art Show:** Grace has been our chairperson for the last 5 or 6 or 7 or maybe closer to 100 years (and she looks SO young!!) Grace will work with anyone who is willing to take over this fun project but we simply must find a new chairperson. The art show is the first week in May, but some of the preliminary work starts soon so please volunteer if you love art, or kids, or possibly both!

## **X. Good of the Order**

- a. **Happy Birthday:** to Maggie Martens

- b. Upcoming events:** The WCVB is hosting a party on Dec 12 at the Cove. That's Thursday night and GLWA members are welcome to attend.
- c. Miscellaneous:** The Silent Auction went very well tonight and will go a long way toward helping us cover our expenses. Thank you to all who participated.

**XI. Adjournment:** Missy Putnam made the motion to adjourn and Julie Stern seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stern  
Secretary, GLWA

(See Treasurer's Balance sheet attached)

<p>4:00 PM 12/09/13 Cash Basis</p>	<p><b>Geneva Lake Women's Association, Inc.</b> <b>Balance Sheet</b> As of December 9, 2013</p>	
		Dec 9, 13
	<b>ASSETS</b>	
	<b>Current Assets</b>	
	Checking/Savings	
	CBD CD	47,942.53
	<b>M&amp;I Bank</b>	
	General	3,954.96
	<b>Philanthropic</b>	20,894.87
	Scholarship	3,126.16
	<b>Total M&amp;I Bank</b>	27,975.99
	M&I Diabetes Outreach	5,715.80
	<b>M&amp;I Safety Town</b>	2,242.54
	<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	83,876.86
	<b>Total Current Assets</b>	83,876.86
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>83,876.86</b>
	<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
	<b>Equity</b>	
	Opening Balance Equity	87,001.68
	<b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	-14,281.39
	Net Income	11,156.57
	<b>Total Equity</b>	83,876.86
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>83,876.86</b>

*Photos of our Electric Holiday Parade Float 2013*

